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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Smith V*

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A RESOLUTION urging the establishment of an interim study committee to study higher education for incarcerated persons.

*Whereas, A disproportionate number of persons incarcerated today came from economically depressed communities and were poorly educated, functionally illiterate, and unemployed before incarceration; and*

*Whereas, Studies have shown that participation by inmates in college education programs reduces recidivism, creates a better managed prison environment, positively affects the lives of prisoners and their families, and is a cost-effective public policy, saving tax dollars by reducing the number of repeat*

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*offenders and the need for prison space: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish a  
2           committee to study higher education for incarcerated persons.

3           SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate  
4           under the direction of the legislative council and that the committee  
5           shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

